

JANE GOODALL'S  
GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT

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**This Earth Day, Something Amazing Will Happen in Florida.**

**Jane Goodall's Global Youth Summit  
April 19-25, 2008**

This April, renowned primatologist Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE, and the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) will bring together 100 of the world's best and brightest young people to attend Jane Goodall's Global Youth Summit. Engaged and passionate youth from six continents representing 28 countries have been hand-picked by Dr. Goodall, JGI and partner organizations to attend this all-expenses-paid, first-of-its-kind event. Participants will convene at *Walt Disney World Resort*® to dialogue with a dynamic panel of experts and address the critical problems facing our planet. The youth will share cross-cultural ideas, strengthen their leadership skills and create messages through digital media. Perhaps most unique, they will identify key issues and develop self-led workshops and discussions to tackle the topics that concern them. Whether they focus on species conservation or conflict resolution, it's up to them.

Attendees are outstanding young people with a strong history of community service and demonstrated leadership qualities. While at the Summit, they will work together to break down transnational boundaries. They will also gain firsthand knowledge about cross-cultural collaboration when it comes to solving our world's greatest problems. These extraordinary young leaders, committed to making positive change happen at the local and global levels, will leave the Summit equipped with a "toolbox for changing the world" and individual action plans for protecting the future. In the year following the Summit, the participants will work to implement their plans within their respective communities.

In support of its goal to engage and shape the next generation of global leaders, JGI has identified the following objectives for the Summit:

- To give young people the opportunity to become engaged with and take ownership of issues facing our planet today and in the future;
- To provide a forum for cross-cultural exchange of ideas, practices and methodology;
- To produce solutions to global problems that draw on the strengths of multiple cultures and offer a variety of approaches to problem solving; and
- To create a unified community of young activists and future leaders.

Each day at the Summit will prove to be an inspirational learning experience for everyone involved. The event will include a keynote address by Dr. Goodall who will provide her biggest reason for hope -- that youth, when engaged and empowered, truly have the ability to change the world. Other motivational speakers will concentrate on the topics of youth leadership, environmental issues, water scarcity and sanitation, and wildlife conservation. Lecturers will include:

- Dan Goodman, Founder of Biodiesel University;
- Mikkel Vestergaard Frandsen, CEO of Vestergaard Frandsen, manufacturer of Lifestraw®;
- Nick Anderson, Youth Ambassador, Oxfam America;
- Dr. Tammie Bettinger, Senior Research Biologist at Disney's Animal Kingdom;
- Dr. Chris Kuhar, Research Manager in Education and Science at Disney's Animal Kingdom;
- Leonard Little Finger, Lakota Elder/Expert and Author;
- Henri Landwirth, Holocaust Survivor and Philanthropist;
- Chase Pickering, Former Roots & Shoots Youth Leadership Fellow; and
- Jonathan Granoff, President of Global Securities Institute.

Participants at the Summit will also have the opportunity to work with the Mobile Learning Institute, a Pearson Foundation – Nokia alliance. The Mobile Learning Institute will enable the youth to create and share short digital films about the issues of greatest importance to them. Attendees will bring their finished films home and use them to implement their customized action plan and local conservation efforts.

JGI is uniquely positioned to host this Summit given its core competencies in community-centered conservation and youth education. Dr. Goodall, who founded JGI in 1977, is inspirational “proof” that one committed individual can make a world of difference. And her message of hope speaks directly to young people. Roots & Shoots, JGI's global humanitarian and environmental youth program, has a proven track record of engaging young people in service-learning projects that benefit people, animals and the environment. Dr. Goodall began Roots & Shoots in 1991 with just a small group of Tanzanian students. Today, Roots & Shoots involves nearly 100,000 youth in almost 100 countries and it's growing every day. The strength of the program is its unique methodology that highlights a youth-driven assessment process and identification of actual community needs.

At a time when many young people feel “lost” just thinking about the countless crises facing our planet, Jane Goodall's Global Youth Summit is poised to reach the next generation of decision makers. The Summit will teach them how they can make a difference and help them develop the strategies they need to become effective leaders today and in the future.

The Summit will be held at [Disney's Coronado Springs Resort](#) in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., just outside Orlando. This eco-friendly, lakeside resort hotel, Summit attendees will get the chance to embrace the legendary cultures of Mexico and the American Southwest amidst Mayan architectural flourishes

Dr. Goodall and JGI are grateful to the Summit's partners and corporate sponsors who share our commitment to the leaders of tomorrow. Without the support of Disney, Whirlpool Corporation, Delta Air Lines and the Mobile Learning Institute, this Summit would not be possible. Working with these and other organizations, JGI hopes the Summit will grow in size and prestige to become the premier annual gathering for young leaders across the globe.

For more information on Jane Goodall's Global Youth Summit, please visit [www.globalyouthsummit.org](http://www.globalyouthsummit.org). Information on the JGI and Roots & Shoots can be found at [www.janegoodall.org](http://www.janegoodall.org) and [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org) respectively.

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